

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Application of: Yunzhang Wang and Ramesh Keshavaraj  
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JL/K**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, please amend the above application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claims 46 and 116 as follows:

46. (Amended) The multiple chamber airbag cushion as recited in Claim 21, further comprising a fourth panel secured to said second panel over said third panel, and wherein at least one of said second and third panels includes a vent opening providing for inflation of a tertiary chamber defined between said fourth panel and at least one of said second and third panels.

116. (Amended) A multiple chamber airbag cushion comprising:

a first panel having a central gas opening and at least one vent hole,  
 a second panel having substantially the same dimensions as the first panel, and being attached to the first panel, along the edge thereof,  
 a third panel having dimensions less than or equal to that of the second panel, and being attached along the edge thereof to the second panel with one of the second and third panels covering at least one vent opening in the other of said panels, a secondary chamber defined between said second and third panels receives gas from said primary chamber through said at least one vent opening in one of said second and third panels.